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tee, to see the necessity of protecting our least common wild flowers, if any are to be left about the city.

It may be of interest to state that eight members of the Committee are members of the Torrey Club.

Respectfully yours,

MABEL H. TAYLOR,

Secretary of the Committee.

NORMAL COLLEGE, September 24, 1901.

NEWS ITEMS

Professor F. S. Earle, recently of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has entered upon his new duties as an Assistant Curator of the Museums of the New York Botanical Garden. Professor Earle will continue his special studies on the fungi.

The program for the autumn lectures to be delivered in the Museum Building of the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 o'clock, has been announced as follows :

October 12th, "Sunlight and Vegetation," by Dr. D. T. MacDougal.

October 19th, "Botany of the West Indies," by Dr. N. L. Britton.

October 26th, "Habits and Characteristics of Some of the Larger Marine Plants," by Dr. M. A. Howe.

November 2d, "Ancestral History of Some Living Trees," by Dr. C. A. Hollick.

November 9th, "Production of Cinchona Bark and Quinine in the East Indies," by Dr. H. H. Rusby.

November 16th, "Botanical Features of the Mountains of Colorado," by Dr. L. M. Underwood.

The lectures will be illustrated by lantern slides and otherwise. They will close in time for auditors to take the 5:38 train from Bronx Park railway station, arriving at Grand Central Station at 6:04.